

解答例

A.

問1. どの瞬間にも, 地上数千マイルで, (飛行機内の) 心地よい座席に, 百万人ほどの人々がもたれかかっていること。

問2. A

問3. 自動運転システムのような新しいものに出くわすと, 最初は, 脳が大きな反応を示すが, 2回, 3回と見て慣れが生じると, 脳の反応がどんどん鈍くなること。

問4. forecasts

問5. (ワールドシリーズの試合観戦をどんなに楽しんだとしても,) 同じ試合を繰り返し見ても満足感は得られない。

問6. C

問7. B

問8. (人間の脳は, 先の世界を予測することでエネルギーを節約しつつも, 驚きという状態も探求するが,) 先の世界の予測と驚きの探求という 2 つのものの間でバランスを取っていること。

問9. ・ iPad が導入された際に, 本棚を使った読書アプリケーションを入れた。
 ・ iPad で指を滑らせる (動かす) ことで, (本の) ページがめくれるようにした。

B.

1. Jo is unhappy because she thinks they won't get any Christmas presents this year.

2. Amy thinks it's unfair for some girls to have a lot of pretty things, and other girls nothing at all.

3. Beth reminds them that they have their family, which is more important than presents.
4. (B)
5. Mother wants to save money because many people are struggling during the winter and their father is fighting in a war.
6. Jo is.
7. She planned to spend her money on new music.
8.
 - Their mom didn't say they couldn't spend their own money.
 - They deserve a little treat after working hard.
9. Meg works as a teacher for young children.
10. The old lady is nervous. / She is never satisfied. / She worries you till you're ready to fly out of the window or cry. / She keeps you working. など
11. (D)

C.

A	B	C	D	E
10	4	13	6	8
F	G	H	I	J
1	15	9	5	3

D.

1	2	3	4	5
B	D	A	C	A
6	7	8	9	10
B	A	C	B	D

E.

Model Answers

1. In the 1950s, families in China were much larger. Besides a sudden drop to 4 in the early 1960s, the birth rate in China hovered around 6 or higher from the early 1950s to the early 1970s. However, by the mid-1970s, the birth rate declined precipitously until the early 1980s when it began to steadily decline until leveling off at around 2 where it currently sits. In comparison, Japan has also seen its birth rate decrease over the last 74 years; however, the changes were less dramatic than those of China. In 1950, Japan's birth rate was approximately 3.7, while it is now around 1.8. (105 words)
2. Yes, if not enough babies are born in China and Japan in the future, it could cause problems. Presently, many young people work and pay taxes and into the pension system. These contributions help pay for things like schools, hospitals, roads, and retirement pensions. However, if fewer young people are working in the future, there will be less tax/pension money. This could make it difficult to pay for these important things. Also, with fewer young people, there might not be enough workers to fill all the jobs that need to be done. This could hurt the economy and make it harder for the country to grow. Thus, low birth rates in China and Japan are concerning. (116 words)